Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

The House rose for lunch at 1-40 p.m. and reassembled at 2-40 with the Deputy President in the Chair

THE COCHIN PAYMENT OF WAGES ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Sir, I beg to move that the Cochin Payment of Wages Act (Amendment) Bill be read in Council.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I second it.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* The purpose of this amendment is only to bring in the employees in motor boats plying in the backwaters, within the ambit of the Act. The Motor and Steam Boat Employees' Association brought to the notice of the Government by a memorandum certain difficulties which were experienced by them as a result of the wording of the section in the present Act. The definition of "Industrial Establishment" in the Payment of Wages Act does not take in inland motor vessels or vessels propelled by any power other than steam. It is thought necessary to extend the provisions of the Act to the crew of all inland vessels whether propelled by steam, electricity or any other power. That is the principle involved in the Bill. It is absolutely a non-contraversial measure and I hope the House will pass it unanimously.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will not "inland sea" include backwaters.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* A steam vessel cannot be a Motor vessel, and a steam vessel cannot be a vessel run by electric power. We are only including within the definition "inland vessel propelled by steam, electricity or other mechanical power". We are only amplifying the definition.

Motion that the Payment of Wages Act (Amendment) Bill be read in Council, put and carried

Secretary to the Council: The title of the Bill is "The Cochin Payment of Wages Act (Amendment) Bill".

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I beg to move that S. O. 32 may be suspended.

Deputy President: Yes, it is suspended.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I beg to move that the Cochin Payment of Wages Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up for consideration.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I second it.

Clause 2 put and carried

Clause 1 and Title and Preamble, put and carried

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I beg to move that the Cochin Payment of Wages Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed to-morrow.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

Noon-day meals to Childern attending primary classes

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* On a point of order. Before the Hon'ble Member for Public Instruction moves the resolution I submit that the member is absolutely not in order when he moves a resolution because there is no scope under the Act or rules or the Standing Orders framed thereunder for the moving of a resoultion by the Government. So, though it is printed in the agenda, my submission is that a resolution moved by the Government becomes absolutely meaningless and quite rightly so, because a specific form is prescribed for a resolution, that is a specific recommendation to the Government. Here it will amount to a recommendation by the Government to the Government. Such a thing could never have been contemplated by a Legislature and my submission is that the resolution as framed and brougt has to be ruled out as being out of order.

Mr. A. V. Mothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I oppose the point of order. The Hon'ble Director of Public Instruction is a member of the Legislative Council and he has got the right to move a resolution and it is perfectly in order.

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in other countries only noon-day feeding had been started by the generous public. There are in the field voluntary associations with large amounts of funds at their disposal. Here we have no such charitable bodies who have been doing this work of noon-day feeding and the entire cost and the brunt of the task will have to be borne by the Government. We have reason to think that generous contributions can be expected from philanthropic people and we have also reason to think that with this contribution of one-third of the total expenditure from Government, it may be possible to work the scheme.

The House rose for the day at 5 p.m.

N. S. RADHAKRISHNA SARMA
Secretary to the Council

APPENDIX I

(Please see question No. 21)

1.	Assistant Superintendent	..	1 @ Rs. 120	Rs. 120
2.	Medical Officer	..	1 @ Rs. 150	Rs. 150
3.	Unit Commander	..	4 @ Rs. 100	Rs. 400
4.	Do.	..	2 @ Rs. 75	Rs. 150
5.	Supervisors	..	21 @ Rs. 50	Rs. 1,050
6.	Sardars	..	47 @ Rs. 30	Rs. 1,410
7.	Maistries	..	28 @ Rs. 20	Rs. 560
8.	Compounders	..	2 @ Rs. 40	Rs. 80
9.	Surveyor	..	1 @ Rs. 60	Rs. 60
10.	Hospital servant	..	1 @ Rs. 11	Rs. 11
11.	Office establishment.—			
	Head clerk	..	1 @ Rs. 64	Rs. 64
	Accountant	..	1 @ Rs. 44	Rs. 44
	Clerk	..	1 @ Rs. 25	Rs. 25
	Typist	..	1 @ Rs. 37	Rs. 37
12.	Peons.—(3 office peons, 1 for the Assistant Superintendent, and 6 for the Unit Commanders)	..	10 @ Rs. 11	Rs. 110
13.	Clerks of the Unit Commanders	..	3 @ Rs. 40	Rs. 120
			4 @ Rs. 30	Rs. 120
14.	Seed Purchasing Maistry	..	1 @ Rs. 30	Rs. 30
				Rs. 4,541

APPENDIX II

(Please see question No. 35)

List

Dental	..	L.D.S., R.C.S.
X-ray	..	D.M.R.
Eye	..	L.O.
Laboratory	..	Training in the Tropical School of medicine, Calcutta
Tuberculosis	..	A course of training in the Union Mission Tuberculosis Sanatorium
Ear, Nose and Throat	..	A course of training at Bangalore

APPENDIX III

The Payment of Wages Act (Amendment) Bill

Whereas it is necessary to amend the Payment of Wages Act, IV of 1113, It is hereby enacted as follows.—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—This Act may be called the Cochin Payment of Wages (Amendment) Act of 111 and shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 2.*—In section 2 of the Cochin Payment of Wages Act, IV of 1113, for sub-clause (c) of clause (ii) the following shall be substituted, namely.—

"inland vessel propelled by steam, electricity or other mechanical power;"

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